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SUBJECT:INSTRUCTIONS FOR USDEL TO UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE
(OSC) MEETING, NEW YORK, JUNE 9-20, 1975

1. FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USDEL TO 18TH SESSION
OF UN COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. IN-
STRUCTIONS ARE KEYED TO OSC PROVISIONAL AGENDA CONTAINED
IN UN DOCUMENT A/AC.L05/L.82 OF MAY 13.
2. LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE (LSC) REPORT:

A. DRAFT MOON TREATY. OSC REPORT SHOULD REFLECT DIS-
CUSSIONS ON ARTICLE X AND X BIS AND RECOMMEND THAT CON-
SIDERATION OF DRAFT TREATY RELATING TO THE MOON BE
CONSIDERED AS MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY AT 15TH SESSION OF
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LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO MOSCOW 7788, THE
SOVIETS MAY ATTEMPT AT OSC MEETING TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING
ISSUES CONCERNING DRAFT MOON TREATY WITH THE HOPE OF
POSSIBLY REACHING AGREEMENT ON DRAFT TREATY TEXT FOR

SUBMISSION TO THE NEXT UNGA. IF THERE ARE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON DRAFT MOON TREATY, USDEL SHOULD SET FORTH US POSITIONS ON FOLLOWING ISSUES:

1. SCOPE OF TREATY. US SHOULD INSIST THAT TREATY DEAL WITH "MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES". SOVIETS WILL

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PROBABLY BE ABLE ACCEPT THIS POSITION AND THERE SHOULD BE NO OPPOSITION FROM OTHER OSC DELS.

2. NOTIFICATION. US PREFERS THAT MISSIONS TO MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES BE SUBJECT OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION. IF THE SOVIETS ARE ABLE TO OBTAIN GENERAL OSC AGREEMENT THAT SUCH NOTIFICATION COULD BE MADE SUBSEQUENT TO LAUNCH, HOWEVER, USDEL MAY ACCEPT THIS COMPROMISE.

3. NATURAL RESOURCES. IN VIEW OF SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT WITH LDCS ON QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP AND EXPLOITATION OF MOON'S RESOURCES, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT VAGUE FORMULATION PROPOSED IN MOSCOW 7788 THAT NATURAL RESOURCES OF MOON BELONG TO NO ONE. FROM US VIEWPOINT, SUCH A STATEMENT COULD IMPLY THAT US WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY ON EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES OF MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES. CONSEQUENTLY, USDEL SHOULD, IF NECESSARY, OPPOSE SOVIET FORMULATION AND ATTEMPT HAVE NEXT LSC MEETING CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE.

IF MOON TREATY BECOMES SUBJECT OF SUBSTANTIAL DEBATE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CERTAIN DELEGATIONS, E.G. INDIA, MIGHT ATTEMPT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR VIEWPOINT ON DRAFT TREATY BY ATTEMPTING TO INSERT A PHRASE IN OSC REPORT INTERPRETING THE PRINCIPLE OF THE "COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND" OR LINKING THE TREATMENT OF THE MOON'S RESOURCES TO THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS ON DEEP SEA BED MINERALS. IF SUCH ATTEMPTS ARE MADE, USDEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY INSTRUCTIONS TO USDEL TO LAST LSC MEETING.

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B. DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING BY SATELLITE. OSC REPORT SHOULD NOTE LSC DISCUSSIONS OF DRAFT PRINCIPLES ON DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING AND RECOMMEND THAT IN VIEW OF UNRESOLVED DIFFERENCES THE NEXT LSC MEETING CONTINUE ITS CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT AS A MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY.

C. REMOTE SENSING. OSC REPORT SHOULD NOTE WITH SATISFACTION THE CONSTRUCTIVE EXAMINATION IN THE LSC OF THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING AND RECOMMEND THAT IN VIEW OF THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LSC SHOULD CONTINUE ITS DISCUSSION OF THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM OUTER SPACE.

BRAZILIANS AND OTHERS ARE LIKELY TO REQUEST THAT NEXT YEAR'S MANDATE FOR LSC CALL FOR DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON REMOTE SENSING. IF THIS OCCURS, USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE REFERENCE TO TREATY AND SEEK TO MINIMIZE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ANY OBLIGATION TO BEGIN

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DRAFTING A SINGLE DOCUMENT.

REPORTS FROM EMBASSIES PARIS AND MOSCOW INDICATE THAT THERE MAY BE ATTEMPT AT COMPROMISE BETWEEN FRENCH-SOVIET POSITION AND ARGENTINE-BRAZIL POSITION ON QUESTION OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE ACQUISITION AND DISSEMINATION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA. IF THIS OCCURS, USDEL SHOULD OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO OBTAIN COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT FOR SUCH A COMPROMISE TEXT AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR US POSITION AS REFLECTED IN PRESENTATION OF US WORKING PAPER TO LSC ON FEBRUARY 19, 1975.

D. VENUE OF LSC. LSC REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT 15TH SESSION OF LSC BE HELD MAY 3-28, 1976 AND NOTED THAT SESSION WOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA AS PREVIOUSLY DECIDED BY OSC. USUN 1928 REPORTED THAT UN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES DECIDED ON JUNE 4 LSC SHOULD MEET IN NEW YORK AND THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE BROUGHT TO OCS'S ATTENTION. IN VIEW OF FINANCIAL SAVINGS OF HAVING LSC MEETINGS IN NEW YORK, USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE

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RECOMMENDATION. HOWEVER, SINCE US HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO PRACTICE OF ALTERNATING SESSIONS OF LSC BETWEEN NEW YORK AND GENEVA, USDEL MAY ACQUIESCE IN HOLDING NEXT LSC SESSION IN GENEVA IF OVERWHELMING SUPPORT DEVELOPS IN OSC FOR CONTINUING THIS PRACTICE.

3. REPORT OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (STSC):

A. REPORT IS CONSISTENT WITH US POLICY OBJECTIVES, AND USDEL SHOULD WORK FOR OSC ENDORSEMENT. FOLLOWING BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE IS DIRECTED TO SUBSTANTIVE SECTIONS OF REPORT:

B. REMOTE SENSING OF EARTH FROM SPACE.

1) REPORT FEATURES LANDSAT PROGRAM AND GROUND STATIONS WHICH HAVE EITHER BEEN ESTABLISHED OR ARE PLANNED FOR RECEPTION AND DISSEMINATION OF LANDSAT DATA. REPORT EXPRESSES HOPE THAT COUNTRIES IN OTHER REGIONS WILL ESTABLISH SIMILAR STATIONS AND URGES INTERESTED COUNTRIES TO EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF REGIONAL COLLABORATION. IT THUS REFLECTS BROAD RECOGNITION THAT NASA EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM IS LARGELY SHAPING ORGANIZATIONAL PATTERNS OF FUTURE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY WHOLESOME

DEVELOPMENT IN VIEW OF FACT THAT RELEVANT SECTIONS OF REPORT ARE COMMENDED TO LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE AS IT CONSIDERS LEGAL ASPECTS OF REMOTE SENSING. USDEL SHOULD WORK FOR EXPLICIT REQUEST IN OSC REPORT THAT LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE TAKE STSC REPORT INTO ACCOUNT.

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2) DURING SUBCOMMITTEE DEBATE, ONLY BRAZIL SOUGHT TO RESTRICT REFERENCES TO LANDSAT GROUND STATIONS. EVENTUALLY, BRAZIL SETTLED FOR DELETION OF SENTENCE WHICH NOTED OBLIGATION OF EXISTING GROUND STATIONS TO PROVIDE DATA, ALLOWING OTHER REFERENCES TO GROUND STATIONS AND THEIR REGIONAL DATA SERVICES TO REMAIN.

3) SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA. 29 FOR STUDIES AND ACTIONS BY SYG SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO REALISTIC CONSIDERATION OF REMOTE SENSING AT 1976 SESSIONS OF BOTH S&T AND LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEES.

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C. UN PROGRAM ON SPACE APPLICATIONS FOR 1976 AND REVIEW OF FUTURE PROGRAMS.

1) SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED TO SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM AS PROPOSED BY EXPERT BUT COULD NOT AGREE ON FINANCIAL LEVEL TO BE RECOMMENDED IN REPORT. SOME DELEGATIONS, NOTABLY AUSTRIA AND INDIA, ARE LIKELY TO CARRY THEIR CASE FOR GREATER FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OSC, BUT SOVIETS, IF THEY ACT CONSISTENTLY WITH STRONG STANCE IN SUBCOMMITTEE, WILL FLATLY OPPOSE. WE WISH TO HOLD 1976 BUDGET TO SAME REAL LEVEL AS 1975 BUDGET, BUT THIS IS NOT POPULAR OBJECTIVE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND USDEL SHOULD ALLOW SOVIETS TO TAKE LEAD.

2) RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SYG SEEK WIDER RANGE OF REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THAT SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM ANNUALLY SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY. SOVIETS MIGHT CONCEIVABLY RETURN TO THEIR MISCHIEVOUS EFFORT IN SUBCOMMITTEE TO REQUIRE THAT SPACE APPLICATIONS EXPERT SEEK OPINION OF HIS ANNUAL PROGRAM PROPOSALS FROM MEMBER STATES SIX MONTHS BEFORE SUBMISSION. THIS SOVIET SUGGESTION MET OPPOSITION IN ALL NON-BLOC QUARTERS AND SHOULD BE OPPOSED IF RAISED AGAIN.

D. COORDINATION WITHIN UN SYSTEM.

1) SUBCOMMITTEE RECALLED REQUEST TO SYG AT ITS LAST SESSION FOR REPORT ON CO-ORDINATION AMONG SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND UN APPLICATIONS PROGRAM AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUCH REPORT COULD BE READY FOR CONSIDERATION AT OSC MEETING IN JUNE 1975. ACCORDING TO OUTER SPACE

AFFAIRS DIVISION, NO WRITTEN REPORT WILL BE MADE, BUT REPRESENTATIVE OF OFFICE OF INTERAGENCY AFFAIRS WILL REPORT ORALLY.

2) DURING SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THIS TOPIC, DELEGATIONS OF AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, EGYPT, INDIA, KENYA, PAKISTAN, AND ROMANIA SUBMITTED WORKING PAPER (A/AC.LOS/C.1/L.73) WHICH PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY GROUP
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MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE OSC CHAIRMAN AND LOOKED TOWARD PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THIS AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTION WHICH MAY BE ADVANCED WILL OBVIOUSLY REQUIRE CAREFUL STUDY AND FURTHER STSC CONSIDERATION.

E. POSSIBLE UN CONFERENCE ON SPACE.

1) STSC RECOMMENDED FURTHER EFFORTS TO DEFINE PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, AND SCOPE OF TWO POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO A SPACE CONFERENCE: (1) SEPARATE CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO OUTER SPACE MATTERS AND (2) POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF SPACE APPLICATIONS IN UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROPOSED FOR LATE 1970'S. WHILE STSC ASKED SYG TO PROVIDE JUNE 1975 OSC SESSION WITH ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER, STSC REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT NEXT SESSION OF STSC GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THIS QUESTION, OBVIOUSLY EXPECTING OSC TO REMAND CONFERENCE QUESTION TO STSC. USDEL SHOULD SUPPORT THIS POSITION.

2) IN UNLIKELY EVENT OF OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATION TO UNGA THIS YEAR, USDEL SHOULD WORK TO FOLD SPACE APPLICATIONS INTO UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THIS WOULD COST LESS IN TIME AND MONEY AND HELP CONFINE AGENDA TO TECHNICAL MATTERS. IF OSC SHOULD OVERWHELMINGLY REJECT THIS APPROACH AND OPT FOR SEPARATE CONFERENCE, USDEL MAY SUPPORT PROVIDED RECOMMENDATION (1) INCLUDES FRAME OF REFERENCE WHICH FOCUSES ON SPACE APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SPACE APPLICATIONS, AVOIDING POLITICAL AND JURIDICAL QUESTIONS, AND (2) IS CONSISTENT WITH PROPER SCHEDULING WITHIN UN CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES AS MONITORED BY COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES.

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